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CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Amid all the Christmas festivities the religious significance of the day was borne clearly to the minds and hearts of Catholics in Denver by the splendor and beauty of the services in all the churches of the city. Everywhere was the same story of lights and flowers, beautiful music and devout congregations, while some of the churches had set up a tiny representation of the first Christmas. Shortly after 4 o'clock the faithful might be seen wending their way to service, and the pews were filled long before the solvent position of the organ rose in a solem pealing of the organ rose in a great hymn of praise, and 5 o'clock mass had begun. In Logan Avenue chapel Right Rev. Bishop Matz pontifi-cated at solemn high mass at 5 o'clock. Rev. Father McMenumin was assistant priest; Rev. J. F. McDonough, deacon, and Rev. William Ryan sub-deacon; Rev. F. X. Henagan, master of cereand Rev. William Ryan sub-deacop; Rev. F. X. Henagan, master of ceramonies. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father McDonough. Professor Michel furnished the music, which was of an exceptionally high order. The senior branch of the Holy Name society went to Holy Communion in a body at this mass. Low masses were read at 6:15, 7; 8, 2 and 16 o'clock, and high mass at 11 o'clock. The officers of this mass were Rev. P. A. Phillips, celebrant; Rev. H. L. McDonough, assistant priest; Rev. Father McDonough, descon; Rev. Father Father McDonough, descon; Rev. Father Father Ryn, sub-deacon; Rev. Father Ferrari and Rev. Father Belzer, deacons of honor. Right Rev. Bishop Matz delivered a splendid sermon on the gospel of the day. A picked choir, with orchestral accompaniment. furnished the music, which ranged second to none in the city. The personnel of the choir was as follows: Mrs. Emilie Brandt Mrs. Alva J. Cook, Miss Wanda Gottesleben, Miss Bossie Wilder and Miss Mabel Bucchner, Messra, William Sayer, J. A. Bottler, Kirk P. Metz. J. D. Rodgers, George Kerwin, George Buchner and J. M. Woodward. Professor Joseph A. Michel was organist and director. Solemn benediction followed 11 o'clock masse, and the papul blessing was given at both 5 and 11 o'clock masses. The number of communicants for the day exceeded that of any occasion in the history of the parish.

Lohmann's orchestra assisted the reg-ular choir of Sacred Heart church in the rendition of Gonnod's "Messes Sole-nelle," with the following soloists: Mrs. Fred P. Johnson, Miss Isabelle McIn-tyre, Miss Helen Bautch, Mrs. H. P. Dickenson, Mrs. J. Benedlet Foley, Mr. W. F. Foreman, Mr. Louis Reilly and Mr. F. P. Johnson. A. L. Hank was organist, and Mrs. Fred P. Johnson director. Solemn high mass was at 10:5, and was celebrated by Rev. Father Bruener, S. J., with Rev. Loe Krenz of Sacred Heart college deacon, and Rev. Father Peters sub-deacon. An eloquent sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. Edward Barry, S. J. Lohmann's orchestra assisted the reg-

At St. Dominic's church, on Grove and West Twenty-fourth avenues, high mass was sung at 5 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. J. P. Vallely, O. P., with Rev. J. B. Kircher, O. P., assistant. Millard's mass in G was ably sung under the direction of James P. Rowan, with Miss Helien Ferris at the organ. The soloists were Miss Julia Allen, Miss Elizabeth Allen, Miss Juanita Gonzales, Miss Frances Peavey, Mrs. J. L. Rausch, Merrs. W. E. Friend and Roland H. Roll.

Joseph's choir, under the direction of Miss Mary Sullivan, prepared two entirely different programs for the high masses at 5 and 10:30 o'clock. Zingarelli's Pontifical Mass was sung at early mass, while Giorga's First Mass was the offering at 10:30 o'clock. was the offering at 19:39 o cicos. The efficient choir was made up of the fol-lowing: Alies May Creedon, Miss Ag-nes Sullivan, Miss Frances Hamilton, Miss Stella Creedon, Miss Emma Mes-hew and Mrs. B. Howard, Messrs. Rob-ert McGovern, C. B. Heister, Leo Deslarding, Roy Heister and Edward Wol-

Elizabeth's choir, attracted large congregations to the 5 and 10:30 o'clock masses at the West Denver church. claudn's Third Mass was sung by chorus of twenty-five spiendidly trained voices, with the following soloists: Miss Josephine Woeber, Miss Isabel Jacobs, Mrs. H. R. McGraw, Mrs. Howard Sleeper, Frank Farmer and Theodore Scheif, Miss Josephine Woeber was director and Miss Clara Woeber organ-

The congregation of St. James in contentr, worshipping for the first Christmas in its pretty new church, sig-nalized the occasion with a well pre-pared program. Rev. James Walsh, the pastor, preached at all the masses, and reminded the people to be properly grat-ified for having witnessed during the year just closing the fulfillment of their

dral came so near to reaching \$2.500 that the rector, Rev. H. L. McMenamin, is inceping the subscription list open until New Year's, confident that some who have not subscribed will feel encouraged to do so. This sum is in excess of any previous collection in the history of the parish.

Church Notes.

Rev. William Ryan, who had charge of the church at Cripple Creek for the past few months, is now attached to he cathedral.

All the parochial schools of the city will resume classes on Monday, Jan-uary 3. The Sacred Heart college will open for the winter term on Wednesday, January 5

The Altar and Rosary society of the cathedral parish will receive Holy Communion at 7 o'clock New Year's morning, instead of on Sunday, the regular communications

Miss Anna Politte of the cathedral parish and John Famihula of Loveland, Colo., were married at Logan avenue chapel on Tuesday, December 28, by Rev. H. L. McMenamin, who also read nuptial mass. The bride is a popular member of the Young Women's Sodal-ity of the cathedral parish.

Social and Personal.

Miss Stella Forham, who has been attending school in Indiana, is spend-ing the holidays at her Denver home, 358 Lincoln avenue

Mrs. Brown Huffin Webb is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Monarch, 356 Grant avenue. Mrs. Webb was a bride of last Christ-mas, and now resides in Kentucky.

Miss Florence Flynn, who has been teaching school at Perigo, Colo., is en-joying the Christmas vacation at her

Miss Eva Sullivan is at home for the holidays from her school, St. Mary's academy, Leavenworth, Kan. Miss Marguerite McPhee, who at-

tends the Sacred Heart convent, Man-hattanville, N. Y. is enjoying the Christmas vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Mc-The spacious home of Mr. and Mrs.

C. P. Allen at 2323 West Eighteenth avenue will present a gay scene on Sat-urday afternoon, when Miss Gertrude Allen, assisted by a number of friends, will receive from 2 until 5 o'clock. The young women who will receive with Miss Allen are: Miss Philomene Girardot, Miss Olive Baldwin, Miss Gall Hoskinson, Miss Minnie Orton, Miss Marie Hathaway, Miss Grace Clara, Miss Alice Clark, Miss Cecilia Morrison and Miss May Morrison.

Miss Mamie Hoss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Hess, is spending the holidays at her Denver home. Miss Hess is a pupil at St. Mary's academy, South Bend, Ind.

Miss Agnes Holland and Miss Ruth Holland entertained about a dozen young girls at luncheon last week in a most charming manner.

Mrs. Martin E. Rowley and children of Pueblo, Colo., spent Christmas in Denver with Mrs. Rowley's mother, Mrs. J. E. O'Brier

Miss May Gillis is visiting in Fort Collins during the holidays,

Mrs. W. H. Andrew left last week for Mexico, where her daughter, Mrs. Willis Hulings, is reported quite ill. Mrs. Hulings was Miss Florence An-drew, one of the most beautiful and at-tractive young women in Denver society. Her marriage to Willis Hulings was

Leonard Dorse, a pupil of Immaculate Conception school, who has been ill for several weeks, is now considered out of danger.

Miss Marie Mykens is spending the Christmas holidays at her home, 1620 Downing avenue

St. Joseph's Dramatic club gave a delightful entertainment Tuesday even-lightful entertainment Tuesday and Robert McGowan.

More than fifty dollars was raised for the orphans of Regina Coell Villa by Justice of the Peace Gavin a few nights before Christmas. Justice Gavin had been called upon to perform a marriage eremony for a theatrical couple, and when handed \$15 as his fee promptly announced that he would give it to the Italian Sisters for their orphanage if the people present would help in so far as they were able. His generosity proved contagious and in a short while more than fifty dollars was gathered together for the poor Sisters who seldom experience such kindness.

meet Thursday afternoon, January 6 with Mrs. Joseph A. Osner,357 Broad-

Mrs. John J. Hagus, who was ill last far as I can see, his whole life is found-course.

Obituary.

The fameral of Robert Murphy, who Gied at the Oakes home last week of subcroulosis, was buried on Monday, and another moment he is lost to view. December 27, from the home of his brother, William H. Murphy, 543 South man is no priest. Thank God he never

his duties when death overtook him. Mr. Grogan and sister, Miss Alice Gro-gan, came to Denyer from New York twelve years ago. Four other sisters and two brothers reside in the east.

Miss Mary Kane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kane of 1310 Lipan street, died at the family home on Sunday, December 26, and was buried on Tues-day with requiem mass at St. Leo's hurch, Rev. Father Lawlor officiating. Burial was in Mount Olivet cemetery.

Dr. Gregory J. Cooper, who resided for many years at 2742 Lawrence street, succumbed to the infirmities of old age on Monday, December 20. His funeral was held from Sacred Heart church Wednesday morning. Buriai was in Mount Olivet cemetery.

L. C. B. A. Initiation.

All the Denver branches of the La-

ty Organizer Mary Wirtz conducted the exercises, in which she was assisted by the presidents of the different branches. The program was in charge of Mrs. The program was in charge of Mrs. Mary's branch No. 238, and Mrs. Swanez, president of St. Moseph's branch No. 611, was grand marshal. This is the first open initiation the society has ever held in Colorado, and much interest was manifested in it.

W. MAJELLA GAVIN.

St. Vincent's Orphanage Benefit. The ball to be given Monday evening. January 3, at Knights of Columbus hall for the benefit of St. Vincent's orphan-

Lauadable Gift to Orphanage.

By the will of Mrs. Sophia Braun, who died in Denver last week, St. Clara's orphanage for girls comes into possession of \$2,000. The gift was a complete surprise, as Mrs. Braun was not a member of the Catholic church, but recognized the good the Sisters are doing in training orphan girls to be efficient housewives and capable of taking care of themselves inu the worsd when the time comes for them to leave

a meeting on Monday evening, January 24, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the coming year.

It would seem that Ferrer of Barce-ona fame, the quondam hero and dariwonder has been expressed how he contrived to get such a hold on the pious French lady, Mme. Meunier, that when she was dying she left him the considerable fortune which enabled him to open his lay schools. It has now become clear that the lady, who made Ferrer's acquaintance as a teacher of Spanish had her discretized by the control of the control come clear that the lady, who made Ferrer's acquaintance as a teacher of Spanish, had her charitable and religious sentiments played upon by that willy rogue. She told M. Cesar Coppola, her only heir-at-law, that she intended to found a model asylum for children at Barcelona—one, there can be no doubt, in every way in consonance with her Christian sentiments—and that it was her former Spanish teacher, Ferrer, who had inspired her with the noble idea. Subsequently there came addressed to her at Milan, where she was staying, a large box, sent from Barcelona. On its being opened if was found to contain a very beautiful statue of the Madonna, with the Infant Jesus, the robes of rich stuffs, and on the head a silver crown, and the donor was Ferrer. Mme. Meustuffs, and on the head a silver crown, and that this Irish and the donor was Ferrer. Mme. MeuLynn, Mass., who was received into the Denver council recently, and who is business manager of "The Virginian" which is running this week at the Taber. During his stay in Denver Mr. Kelly made many friends among the enemy of God and God's church made a statue of His Mother the means of Kully made many friends among the providing him with funds for carrying work a few weeks ago.

St. Joseph's Dramatic club gave a delighted netrainment Tuesday evening, December 28, in St. Joseph's hail on West Sixth avenue and Galapago street. Three one-act playles.

The Sacred Heart Aid society will an ex-priest. My purpose for doing so meet Thursday afternoon, January 6, is twofold. First, because I wish to exwith Mrs. Joseph A. Osner, 257 Broadpose this so-called ex-priest, and, seeest, and, sec-non-Catholic ond, to warn our non-Catholic friends against his deceptive ways. As

ed on fraud.

For several years past this fellow
Dulaney his been going about the
country claiming to be an ex-priest.

Every little while he keeps bobbing up

could you return in the same guise to the places where you have before appeared, and relate to them the same stories which you have done before? Not safely so. Not without being made extremely uncomfortable. You have deceived all those to whom you have ever spoken. You have demonstrated to what a degree of degeneracy one such as you can descend. You have describe a you can descend. You have describe a you can descend to whom you have ever spoken. You have demonstrated to what a degree of degeneracy one such as you can descend. You have deliberately practiced deception, endeavouring, as you thought, to bring disgrace on the Catholic priesthood and upon that noble institution, the Catholic Church. But you have failed; and faided most miserably. Everywhere you are branded as an unscrupulous liar. Your whole history of college its approach to the same that the same is the same of the Catholic Church, and the attitude of a convert to her teachings. Professor Rouville's conversion is all the more remarkable as such an event is a rare one in Germany amongst the more remarkable as such an event is a rare one in Germany amongst the more remarkable as such an event is a rare one in Germany amongst the more remarkable as such an event is a rare one in Germany amongst the more remarkable as such an event is a rare one in Germany amongst the more remarkable as such an event is a rare one in Germany amongst the more remarkable as such an event is a rare one in Germany amongst the more remarkable as such an event is a rare one in Germany amongst the more remarkable as such an event is a rare one in Germany amongst the more remarkable as such an event is a rare one in Germany amongst the more remarkable as such an event is a rare one in Germany amongst the more remarkable as such an event is a rare one in Germany amongst the more remarkable as such an event is a rare one in Germany amongst the more remarkable as such an event is a rare one in Germany amongst the more remarkable as such an event is a rare one in Germany amongst

W. MAJELLA GAVIN. Epiphany Apostolic College, Walbrook, Baitimore, Md. Ecclesiastical Items.

January 3, at Knights of Columbus hall for the benefit of St. Vincent's orphanage, promises to be as, usual, the most brilliant event of the year in Catholic society. It will be given under the auspices of St. Vincent's Aid society, of which Mrs. William Sayer is president. John E. Hesse is treasurer of the ball committee, and the arrangements committee, and the arrangements committee is composed of Charles J. Dunn, J. K. Mullen, James McParland, D. J. Sayer and Dr. P. V. Carlin. A supper will be served at midnight and will be in charge of the following members of St. Vincent's Aid society. Mrs. Daniel J. Sayer, Mrs. P. V. Carlin, Mrs. J. K. Mullen, James McParland, Mrs. Junent's Aid society. Mrs. Daniel J. Sayer, Mrs. P. V. Carlin, Mrs. J. K. Mullen, James McParland, Mrs. John Murphy, Mrs. C. J. Dunn and Mrs. Thomas F. Savage. Everything has been done to make the ball a thorough success, as the Sisters need funds to equip the manual training department, which has become a feature of the institution since the segregation of boys and girls ordered by Bishop Matz has made St. Vincent's strictly a home for boys.

ng care of themselves inu the worsd when the time comes for them to leave the shelter of the orphanage.

The stockholders of the Knights of Columbus Building association will hold Association of St. Elizabeth.

HOME RULE.

Mr. John Redmond's Views.

Mr. John Redmond, on the 11th Febuary, 1895, in the House of Commons. ing of the English radical press, was a particularly repulsive specimen of the odious tribe of religious hypocrites. Wonder has been expressed how he tion of home rule to the electron of the plant and the submission of the question of the speciment. tion of home rule to the electors, said,

tion, which up to that time had been denounced, derided and repudated by every political party in this House, suddenly became the foremost in the

English legislation.

I will tell the House the one thing that this Parliament has done for Ireland. Last session it increased the taxation of Ireland by making Ireland pay towards the deficit in the budget of last year a sum which represents more than double the proportion which ministers themselves admitted was her fair proportion towards the imperial taxation.

We are told that the next election is not to be held on the question of home rule, but that there is to be interposed by the Holy See or the Bishpore ops. Pope Leo XII, granted an indulgence on all who would read the Gospels for fifteen minutes and a plenary indulgence once a month to all who make such readings a daily practice. Some seven years ago a society was established in Italy for the spread of the Holy Gospels, and in five years they distributed 500,000 copies of the Gospels. This society has been highly commended by Pope Pius X.

of 200 in comparison with the deaths in 1907. In Bengal tigers killed 100 more persons, while in the central provinces and Berar the increase was 64. In the Chanda district one tiger alone killed 19 people before it was shot, while panthers and hears accounted for 95—practically double the total of the preceding year. In the United provinces the mortality was 194, against 159. As to the deaths from snake bite, the decrease was very satisfactory, the numbers falling from 21,419, to 19,738. This total was the lowest since 1897.

"The Fraudulent Ex-Priest."

(BY W. MAJELLA GAVIN.)

To the Editor—Kindly allow me space in your valued paper, which is doing so much for our grand faith here in America, to call attention to that hair-brained fellow Dulaney, who poses for an ex-priest. My purpose for doing so its twofold. First, because I wish to expose this so-called ex-priest, and, seeples, the service of home rule at all. No. He declared that the next election was not to be held on the subject of home rule at all. No. He declared that the next election was not to be held on the subject of home rule at all. No. He declared that the next elections whom they see every hour; they want to tell them and not to tell them. And they want to tell out, and yet be as if they want to tell out, and yet be as if they want to tell them and not to tell them and not to tell them out to those the constitute constitute of they want to tell them. And they want to tell out, and yet be as if they want to tell them and not to tell them out to those the constitute of home rule at all. No. He declared they the constitute of home rule at all. No. He declared they declared that the contract of home rule at all. No. He declared they want to tell out, and yet be as if they want to tell them and not to tell them out to the color and they want to tell out, and yet be as if they want to tell out, and yet be as if they want to tell out, and yet be as if they want to tell them out to the they want to tell them out to the color they want to tell out, an

has never done so.

One thing to my mind is absolutely certain, and that is that if home rule is to be postponed until the agitation against the House of Lords which was started in the Bradford speech be galvenor take away? Oh, what a piere-vanised into life and succeeds, few, in-Parliament can hope to see a Parlia-ment established in Dublin.

died at the Oakes home last week of substrained and down. For a moment we see him tuberculosis, was buried on Monday, December 27, from the home of his brother. William H. Murphy, 543 South Pennsylvania avenue. Requiem mass was read at St. Francis de Sales church by Hey, J. J. Donnelly. Burial was in Mount Olivet cemetery.

Miss Alice Grogan left for New York during the week with the body of her brother, William Grogan, who lost his life in a wreck on the Dehver & Rio Grande railroad near Crested Butte. Mr. Grogan was in the construction department of the Coforado Telephone company, and was in the discharge of his duties when death overtook him. lles. I doubt if he was ever in Rome.
How is it, Mr. Dulaney, that it is not fourteen years since you were expelled from Epiphany?
Mr. Dulaney, you are known. You have been pointed out by both Cathille and Protestant as a wolf in sheep's liciothing. Every place you have appeared you have belittled yourself.

Could you refurn in the same guise to

Wedding Bells.

All the Denver branches of the Ladles' Catholic Benevolent association combined an open initiation in St. Elizabeth's hall Wednesday evening, and Mrs. John C. Egan of the cathedral parish, was united in marriage to George Gray at Logan avenue chapel Monday morning. December 27. Fev. Father McDonough performed the cerestiant of the Cathedral Monday morning. December 27. Fev. Father McDonough performed the cerestiant of the Ladles' Catholic Benevolent association days might be inserted in this short days might be inserted in this short days might be inserted in this short and sugar and strick (if you have any), and in hubitation In have withheid such. I do not consider you good enough to be made the subject of my writing. My forst with beaten whites of two eggs object, as staled above, is to warn our to which has been added one-half cup sugar. Brown lightly.

Catholic Belief in the Bible. Before entering on the special topic

f the third Advent talk, last Tuesday December 14, at St. Peter's, Barclay street, on "The Church and the Bible," Father John Corbett, S. J., assoclate editor of The Messenger of the Sacred Heart, read two clippings from a last Sunday newspaper of New York City. These quotations from a former Protestant Episcopal rector and a Jewish rabbi served to show that outside of the Church people are fast losing their belief in the inspiration of Sa-cred Scripture. Father Corbett ex-horted any non-Catholics who might be present to hold fast to this doc-trine, even though geographies to their

ant anthorities. It is due to the Catholic Church that non-Catholics have any Bible at all.

She collected the Sacred Books; and in the days of persecution she taught her sons to shed their blood rather than give up the Scriptures to be burnt.

During the middle ages her monks and nuns spent long days in copying the sacred writings, and it is due to their labors that we have a Bible today. It was the school book in all monasteries, the center of literature

day. It was the school book in all monasteries, the center of literature

"It is false that Luther was the first "It is false that Luther was the first to give the Bible to the people. During the middle ages whoever could read at all could read Latin, and the Scriptures was at his command. When the modern languages began to take shape, the first works were translations of paraphrases of the Bible. St. Bede was engaged on his deathbed in translating the Gospel of St. John into Anglo-Saxon. Anglo-Saxon.

Anglo-Saxon.

Sir Thomas More tells us that "the whole Bible was long before Wiklift's days, by virtuous and well-learned men, translated into the English

men, translated into the English tongue, and good and godly people with devotion and soberness well and reverently read."

What is true of England is true also of the other countries of Europe. During the three centuries before the Refermation the Scriptures were to be had in Italian, Spanish, German, Danish, and Flemigh, Impediately, after the contract of the countries and Flemigh.

would have falled in her sacred duty as guardian of the faith had she not warned her children and condemned such corruptions of God's word.

The legislation of the Church on Bible reading was then reviewed, and it was shown List for the last 150 years there has been no restriction on the reading in the vernacutar of versions approved by the Holy See or the Rich.

act of kneeling, the low and contrite voice, the sign of the cross, hanging, so to say, over the head bowed low-and the words of peace and blessing, vanised into life and succeeds, few, indeed, of us who are assembled in this Parliament can hope to see a Parliament established in Dublin.

A Remarkable Conversion.

Protestant university circles in German as it is in fast as those confession as it is in fast as these confession as it is in fast as these confession as it is in fast as these his sins rolled away forever! That is confession as it is in fact, as those who bear witness to it know by expe-

Lessons of the Moon. A single halo around the moon indicates a storm; a double halo means bad weather. If the moon looks high, cold weather may be expected; if the moon looks low, warm weather is prom-ised. When the moon is visible in the day time, then we may expect cool days. If the new moon appear with its points are downward, the month will be dry; if the points are downward, more or less rain may be expected during the next three weeks. When the points of the rescent of the new moon are very clairly visible, frost may be looked for. The new moon on her back always nor. The new moon on her back always por-tends wet weather.

Encouragement.

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Has it ever struck you what a sweetener of life lies in a few words of appreciation and encouragement? How few of us take the trouble to stop a few minutes and praise a servant for work well done, or even pause to tell our nearest and dearest how we appreciate all the daily services which we have apparently never noticed! When our friends die we hasten to send beautiful flowers as a last appreciation of our love for them. But would it not be bed-ter if we had helped them with a little praise when they were working, or if we had cheered them in the dark days, when they were troubled and suffering?

Saint Nicholas was familiarly changed to Santa Claus, who is still represented as retaining his old habits of secret benevolence and coming down the chilmrey at nights laden with Christmas presents for children.

A pleasant fiction it is to them, under the cover of which that charming secrecy concerning the donors of gifts is kept up, though little eyes and ears a much more modern personage than old St. Nicholas. But the children enjoy the harmless pretense, the mysterious filling of stockings, and the heavy laden Christmas tree.

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Jewels for the King.

When at the humble manger We kneel and fervent pray, Before the Infant Jesus, What offerings can we lay? We cannot, like the Magi, Bring gold and perfumes rare, And nothing less seems worthy To lay before Him there,

But e'en the very poorest, May bring a priceless gem, A jewel meet for wearing Within His dladem That He thought not too costly With greater price to pay, He lived and died to win it, Our hearts he asks today.

Hearts that are young and tender The trusting hearts of children, The pure young hearts of girls. Hearts brave, and strong and hopeful, Are emeralds, deepest green And true hearts, tried and faithful,

And wavering hearts that falter Opals of changing glow, And hearts by sin unsullied, The moonstone's lucent snow Hearts contrite and repentant Are amethyst's purple bue, ike violets turned to crystal, Yet bathed in cleansing dev

The crimson of His own.

I think they'll shine the brightest,
Blood red, around His throne;
And flery hearts that struggled And conquered in the fight, Gleam with a ten-fold splendor, Great diamonds flashing light.

The True Santa Claus.

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He considered the riches a sucred trust; he fed the hungry, clothed the destitute, and performed all kinds of

the weak, and as the especial patron of little children, who were taught to be-lieve that their good gifts came from

Saint Nicholas was familiarly changed

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